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Chaos on Bailey: *A neighbor recorded the scene on Bailey Avenue on Monday night. Here's how the events unfolded, according to the view from Decker Avenue. The video opens with law enforcement stretching across Bailey Avenue.*

9:30 p.m. A group of protesters are walking with their hands in the air. A man faces south on Bailey, yelling.

9:32 p.m. There are about a half dozen people in the street, some yelling. More law enforcement in riot gear or military fatigues join the line, now two to three officers deep. There is an armored vehicle behind them.

9:37 p.m. The police line is led by a handful of officers who burst forward to tackle one of two men talking to a cameraman. As the man is tackled, officers and a K-9 move south. Some officers swing batons in front of people but not at them. A new line forms.

9:37.40 p.m. The line of officers starts to scatter as they apparently see a vehicle coming toward them. One officer, who may have fallen down, is lying on the street when he is run over by the SUV. Some officers appear to fire shots at the SUV as it continues north on Bailey.

9:50 p.m. An injured officer is placed into an ambulance on a stretcher.

Questions linger in SUV incident

Harry Scull Jr./Buffalo News

Officer Moe Badger joins residents upset over recent violence after Commissioner Byron Lockwood met with them Tuesday in Niagara Square.

Police probing whether driver was shot during melee

By Maki Becker
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

A confluence of chaos Monday night outside a Buffalo police station on Bailey Avenue – culminating with an SUV barreling through a line of law enforcement officers in riot gear – left two state troopers and a city police officer injured, the driver hospitalized with a gunshot wound and two passengers in the vehicle under arrest on felony gun charges.

Now investigators led by State Police are trying to piece together what happened.

Many questions remain unanswered:

- Did the woman driving the SUV intend to strike the officers?
- Was she shot before the incident?
- Or did state police wound her by opening fire on the SUV as it crashed into the officers?
- What led the line of police to move forward just moments before the incident, with police tackling at least two protesters?

Here's what is known so far:

Two state troopers and a Buffalo police officer were hurt in the crash. Trooper Ronald L. Ensminger, a 19-year veteran, suffered a shattered pelvis and broken leg and was undergoing surgery Tuesday afternoon at Erie County Medical Center. Police described the two other officers' injuries as minor.

The driver, Deyanna Davis, 30, was taken to Central Booking in Buffalo after being released Tuesday from ECMC, where she was treated for a gunshot wound to her abdomen. She faces second-degree aggravated assault upon a police officer, two counts of second-degree assault, second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, and fourth-degree criminal possession of stolen property, all felonies, according to state police. She will be arraigned today.

Two Buffalo men in her vehicle, Semaj T. Pigram, 25, and Walter B. Stewart Jr., 28, were charged with felony counts of second-degree

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Bailey neighbors pick up the pieces, look forward

Buffalo firefighter Veronique Gayles, who just completed a 25-hour shift, helps community members clean up Bailey Avenue on Tuesday after violent protests the night before.

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By Deidre Williams
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

Leona Harper lived through Buffalo's race riots of the 1960s as a child growing up on Landon Street off Jefferson Avenue.

She was afraid to go outside when the violence started. Her mother would tell the kids to hit the floor when the shooting started.

That's why what happened in her neighborhood Monday – when a protest over police brutality turned violent and led to three police officers being hit by an SUV on Bailey Avenue – felt sadly familiar.

"I experienced the looting, the shooting, the breaking of glass," said Harper, president of the Comstock Community Block Club. "I'm living this all over again. It hurts my heart. I will never ever forget what's happening."

Harper was among the residents, elected officials and community leaders who said they support peaceful protests against police brutality in the wake of the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. But they condemned the violence that followed the demonstrations that has devastated Buffalo and cities across the United States.

"Wake up people. Be a part of solution. Go to Coun-

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Stores are reopening, but will WNYers feel safe enough to shop?

By Samantha Christmann
NEWS BUSINESS REPORTER

Jeff Licht is eager to get back into stores and "spend, spend, spend" after being cooped up for more than two months in coronavirus lockdown.

Kristen Kielbasa-Cummings, whose immune system is compromised, is in no rush.

One thing is for sure: A lot has changed since either one of them stepped foot in a nonessential store – and there's a good chance that shopping will never be the same.

Chains like Pier 1 are shutting down. Others like J.C. Penney, Tuesday Morning and J. Crew have filed for bankruptcy and are closing stores.

And then there's the safety question:

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Sarah Heft and her sons Joe and Jack take their purchases away from Always Something Farm in Darien last week.

Phase two reopening dimmed by curfews, clashes with police

By Sandra Tan
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

The phase two reopening for Western New York, eagerly anticipated, finally arrived on Tuesday, but came overshadowed by immediate concerns about unrest, violence and property destruction.

"We all thought this would be a good day," Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz said.

Instead, he called a news conference Tuesday to explain the countywide curfew he ordered and talked about police officers who were run over and individuals who were shot Monday night.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced Western New York has moved into phase two of reopening from the state's coronavirus shutdown order. That means most shops,

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Covid-19 in WNY*

Number of confirmed cases	*Number of deaths*
7,985	672

Cases by county

• Erie County	6,187
• Niagara	1,084
• Orleans	236
• Genesee	190
• Chautauqua	88
• Wyoming	82
• Cattaraugus	69
• Allegany	48

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